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CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE IN THE CASE OF DECEASED OR INCOMPETENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC CREDITORS OF THE UNITED STATES

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General Regulations No. 104

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Office of the Comptroller General
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1. General Regulations No. 42, dated April 6, 1925, and Supplements Nos. 1, 2, and 3 thereto, dated February 23, 1928, April 21, 1928, and December 2, 1932, respectively, are rescinded and the regulations herein prescribed will be followed in lieu thereof.

2. Claims for amounts due on account of deceased civilian employees or individual deceased public creditors of the United States Government will be made on Standard Form No. 1055-Revised, Claim Against the United States for Amounts Due in the Case of a Decedent, which is hereby prescribed. The claim and the certificate of the corroborating witnesses must be signed, but need not be subscribed or sworn to before a notary public; however, no corroborating witnesses are required where claim is made by the legal representative of the decedent's estate.

3. The claims to be submitted on the standard form embrace the salary, compensation, etc., of deceased civilian employees of the Federal Government; payments due deceased individual contractors and public creditors of the United States for supplies furnished or services rendered; and claims of whatever character against the United States for amounts due individual deceased creditors which are for direct settlement by the General Accounting Office.

4. The standard form will also be used for making claim for payment of Government checks drawn on the Treasurer of the United States or other authorized Government depository to the order of individuals, but which can not be paid because of the death of the payee. All such unnegotiated Federal checks in possession of the claimant should accompany the claim.

5. Amounts in excess of \$1000 may be paid only to the legal representative of the estate of the deceased, duly appointed by the court having probate jurisdiction or as may be ordered by such court; provided, however, that payment for accumulated and current accrued annual leave may be made in any amount, without administration, to a claimant designated by the decedent as beneficiary under the Retirement Act applicable to the decedent's service. If there is a legal representative no payment, except for accrued annual leave, may be made to any other person.

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6. No form is prescribed for the use of guardians or committees of estates of incompetents in making claim for sums due from the United States; however, an application, setting forth the incompetent's connection with the United States Government, giving the name of the department and bureau, must be submitted by the guardian or committee over his or her signature and address accompanied by a short certificate of the court showing the appointment and qualification of the claimant as guardian or committee. Applications for subsequently recurring payments need not be accompanied by an additional certificate of the court, but must be supported by a statement that the appointment is still in full force and effect.

7. No additional supply of the present Standard Form No. 1055 will be printed, and the supply now on hand in the various Government offices, including those forms in stock at the Government Printing Office, should be exhausted before issuance of the new form; however, as the execution of a jurat will no longer be required, the old Standard-Form No. 1055, when used, should be adjusted by deleting the words "being duly sworn, say" at item 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "certify," and the statements of the corroborating witnesses changed to "We certify that we are well acquainted with _____, the applicant herein; that we have read the statements made by the applicant and that such statements are true to the best of our knowledge and belief."

8. Upon receipt of these regulations each department, establishment, and agency is requested to make requisition upon the Public Printer for a supply of the revised standard form estimated to meet its needs, in order that all requisitions submitted may be combined and the forms printed in one edition.

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